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## Arizona House of Representatives

Representative Kelly Townsend (R-16)

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## Townsend Recognizes Fallen Service Members Who Were Cherished by Former Phoenix Army Recruiter

**STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX** – Representative Kelly Townsend (R-16), on behalf of Retired Lt. Col. Dave Clukey, US Army Special Forces & Commander of the Phoenix Recruiting Battalion, wishes to honor four fallen countrymen on this Memorial Day, May 27th, 2019. The men are listed as follows:

**Private First Class Steven A. Davis**, 23, of Woodbridge, Virginia died July 4, 2007, in Baghdad, Iraq, of wounds suffered when insurgents attacked his unit with grenades. He was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, Fort Carson, Colorado.

**Sgt. 1st Class Ryan James Savard**, a U.S. Army Special Operations soldier who spent four of his teenage years in Jefferson, was killed in action on Saturday, Oct. 13, 2012 during combat operations in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Savard died from direct fire from enemy forces while conducting combat operations in Konduz Province, Afghanistan.

**Chief Warrant Officer 2 Michael Stephen Duskin**, 42, of Orange Park, Florida, died Oct. 23, 2012 of wounds received from small-arms fire in Wardak Province, Afghanistan. He was assigned to Company A, 1st Battalion, 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne), Fort Bragg, N.C., and was deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

**Sgt. 1st Class Riley G. Stephens**, 39, of Tolar, Texas, died Sept. 28 of wounds received from small-arms fire in Wardak Province, Afghanistan. He was assigned to Company B, 1st Battalion, 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne), Fort Bragg, N.C., and was deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

While we honor all our Fallen heroes today, Rep. Townsend wishes to mention specifically the fallen that are of particular importance to Lt. Col. Cluckey, who has served this country with distinguished honor, and has served the State of Arizona as Commander of our Phoenix Recruiting Battalion.

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